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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRIDGETOWN 0510

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: KEY AMBASSADORIAL SHIFTS REPORTED

1. IT SEEMS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT BARBADIAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S., VALERIE MCCOMIE, WILL SOON BECOME BARBADOS' FIRST RESIDENT AMBASSADOR IN CARACAS, WHERE GOB IS EXPECTED TO ESTABLISH EMBASSY BY JUNE. MCCOMIE IS ALREADY ACCREDITED AS NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADOR TO SERVE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING VENEZUELA.

2. THIS CHANGE WAS REPORTED BY RADIO HERE AT TIME OF VENEZUELA'S RECENT PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY PRIME MINISTER BARROW, MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MOE, AND AMBASSADOR MCCOMIE, BUT THIS INFORMATION HAS NOT SURFACED PUBLICLY OTHERWISE. WHEN EMBASSY QUERIED MINEXTAFF PERMSEC ABOUT THIS HE WAS NON-COMMITTAL BUT DID NOT DENY IT AND STATED THAT "THERE HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN A LEAK SOMEWHERE." ONE LEAK WAS MCCOMIE HIMSELF WHO TOLD RELIABLE SOURCE THAT HE WOULD BE SHIFTED TO CARACAS SOON BUT WOULD CONTINUE TO BE ACCREDITED AS AMBASSADOR TO OAS AND WOULD COMMUTE TO WASHINGTON FOR THIS PURPOSE. MCCOMIE ALSO SAID THAT OLIVER JACKMAN, BARBADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN OTTAWA SINCE APRIL 1971 (BTN A-42, 3/29/71) AND FORMER PERMANENT
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REPRESENTATIVE AT UN (1969-1971), WOULD REPLACE HIM AS

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AMBASSADOR TO U.S.
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